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TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We take pleasure in presenting to our customers, both old and new, this very brief, revised, handy catalog of fully tested fruits and plants (together with some new and very promising varieties) which, after long experience, we are convinced are the very best, especially for North Texas and Oklahoma.

This Nursery was established in 1869 by E. H. Adams, one of the pioneer nurserymen and fruit growers of Texas, who continued the business about thirty years, and our senior has been closely associated with all branches of the business for about forty years—born in it, so to speak.

We do not grow trees for California or the Texas coast, but for our neighbors and friends, and for all those who wish the very best fruits, etc., for home and market, anywhere in North Texas and Oklahoma.

We propose to grow stock right, handle it right and sell it right. We are not in the "Cheap-John" business; but our aim is to grow the very best trees that can be grown for our section of the country, and if you buy stock from any reliable grower, without getting our prices, we feel that you will actually lose money.

Poor trees are dear at any price. Come to us for trees that are acclimated, and that will succeed.

TERMS, CONDITIONS, ETC.

Shipping Season—This usually begins about November 1st, and continues till March.

Selection of Varieties—We advise those without experience to leave selection of varieties principally to us, as, with our experience, we can select fruits that will do best for you.

Substitution—We do not substitute except when we are out of the sort selected; in which case we give some variety similar and equally as good, or omit. On Commercial orders we never substitute without permission.

Shipping Instructions—We follow instructions of purchaser when possible. If no instructions are given, we exercise our judgment, but assume no risk not properly ours.

Everything guaranteed true to name. We make mistakes of course; and we correct them. If any stock proves not true to name, we hold ourselves in readiness to refund purchase price, or furnish free other stock true to name. It is mutually

agreed between us and our customers that our liability is limited to the price we receive for the goods.

Express Prepaid on all Texas and Oklahoma orders of \$5.00 or more when cash is sent with order.

Bud Selection—Where possible we cut our buds from the best, thrifty young bearing trees, which makes our trees almost "pedigreed" trees. No drones among them.

Terms Cash—Will ship C. O. D. if one-fourth cash is sent before shipmnt.

Order early to insure getting the best.

Prices—We do not grow "Cheap-John stuff," and we do not bid against those who do. Our prices are as low as we can make them, considering the care and expense employed in growing the stock right, cultivating and pruning it right, and packing and shipping it right. Our trees are worth a great deal more than you have to pay for them.

Agents—We employ agents, try to get the best, and we commend them to you. Some may impose on us and on you, hence we plainly say: We will not be responsible for their debts, for any Special Contract, nor for any verbal agreement.

Respectfully,

B. L. ADAMS & SON,
Bonham, Texas

DISTANCES TO PLANT.

Apples, Peaches, Pears and Plums 20 to 30 feet each way, requiring 49 trees at 30 feet, and 103 at 20 feet. Other fruit trees 16 to 20 feet. Pecans 50 to 75 feet. Grapes 8 feet in rows 8 feet apart. Shades 15 to 25 feet. Blackberries 10 by 3 feet, requiring about 1,500 per acre. Dewberries 5 by 3 feet, requiring about 3,000 per acre. Strawberries 4 by 2 feet, requiring about 5,000 per acre.

EXPLANATION OF PRICES.

Where 6 or more trees of a kind (peaches for instance) are ordred, figure them at dozen rates; fifty or more, at hundred rates.

Prices following new or rare varities throughout body of catalog must control as against regular prices.

CULTIVATION.

If you don't cultivate your trees well the first year, don't blame the Nurseryman if they die. Frequent and shallow cultivation is required.

APPLES.

The Apple is perhaps the most profitable fruit on land adapted to its culture. Apple orchards have proven very valuable in many sections. Some varieties valuable North, are worthless here. You cannot be too cautious in the selection of varieties in order to avoid planting a lot of worthless trees. Consult your neighbor and a reliable Nurseryman (for there are such animals) and you will have success. We submit the following as a select list of tested and tried varieties, ripening from last of May till November, some of which may be kept in ordinary cellar till after Christmas.

Listed about in order of ripening:

Early Harvest—Large, yellow, tender, well flavored; June.

Red June—Medium, deep red, prolific. June. None Fall 1921.

Yellow Transparent—Large, whitish yellow, very upright. June.

Ryesmith*—Special. Large, striped, spreading upright, good. June to July.

Summer Pearmain—Medium to large, oblong, striped and mottled, very tender, juicy, best quality. July.

San Jacinto*—Large to very large, bright red, magnificent; best quality; July and August.

Jonathan—Above medium, beautiful red; market; very prolific. August.

Smokehouse*—Large, yellow flesh, greenish striped, vigorous and productive, long lived; home and market. August and September.

Wine Sap—Medium, dark red, excellent, prolific. September and October.

Ben Davis—Large, crimson, striped, vigorous, prolific; market. September.

Gane—Large, deep red; tender; pleasant sub-acid; good keeper; vigorous and productive. Oct.

Mammoth Blacktwig—Large, best quality; productive; long lived; good keeper. Dark red. October and November.

There are many other good varieties, but we have picked the above from more than a hundred tested sorts.

(For all prices, see back of catalog).

PEARS.

The pear is one of the most desirable of all fruits, but is not entirely reliable because of blight, which attacks all to some extent. We grow a few of the most resistant varieties:

✓ **Early Harvest**—Large, yellow, brown cheek; not juicy. June.

Sugar—Special. Small, sweet and juicy, prolific. June and July.

Duchess—Very large, greenish yellow with russet splashes; ripens from core out. Very popular. August.

Garber—Large, yellow, acid; good. Tree vigorous; shy bearer. September 1.

Keiffer—Hardest and most productive; bears young and regularly; large, good quality; delicious when ripened off tree; preserving and canning. September and October.

Don't send North for trees when you can get better ones, acclimated, for less money.

PEACHES.

The peach does well in almost any well drained soil. Every home should have from a dozen to a hundred trees for home use. Raise plenty for the children and the neighbors' children.

As a result of our years of experience and observation, we present the following list, ripening from May to October, and feel safe in recommending it to our friends and customers as equal to any.

Both the time and order of ripening of all fruits varies from year to year, being affected by seasons, altitude and latitude.

Listed about in order of ripening:

Mayflower—Medium, red, best quality. May and June.

Sneed—Medium, white with blush, juicy. May and June.

Early Victor—Small, red, good; very prolific. May and June.

Alexander—Large, red, showy. Standard. June.

✓ **Dewey**—Medium, yellow, red cheek; productive, good. June.

✓ **May Lee**—Large, white cling; rather acid; bears young. June.

Red Bird—(Excelsior). Large, cling, white flesh

covered with red, tough; preserving & market. June
Arp Beauty—Medium, yellow, free, sweet, hardy, prolific; June.

Mamie Ross—Large, white, red cheek; semi-cling—sweet, juicy and good. June and July.

Carman—Large, white, free, tender, juicy and sweet. June and July.

Belle of Georgia*—Large, white, free, prolific; home and market. July.

Hobson—Large, white cling, red cheek, sweet, firm, productive. July.

General Lee—Large, white cling, red cheek and flesh; juicy, tender, sweet and good. Sweet pickles. July.

Elberta—Large, free, yellow, red cheek, juicy, productive. Canner.

Oldmixon Free—Small, prolific, sweet and juicy; table, drying. July.

Champion—Medium, white, free; sweet and juicy. July.

Oldmixon Cling—Medium, white, red cheek, sweet. Pickles.

Stump The World—Medium, white, red cheek, sweet and juicy; free.

Chinese Cling—Very large, juicy, white cling. Sweet pickles.

Heath Cling—Medium, creamy white, firm, sweet. Preserving. August.

Henrietta—Large, yellow cling; sweet and good. September 1st to 15th.

Austin Late—Medium, white, red cheek, firm, acid, cling. October 1st.

Caruth Late—Bright yellow skin and flesh, free; prolific. October.

Nix Late—Medium, white, firm, sweet, cling. Oct.

Some New Peaches of Special Merit.

Hoy*—Large, yellow, free, sweet and juicy; home use. July 20th. Originated at Bonham, Texas.

Dorothy*—Large to very large, yellow, free, sweet and luscious; flesh tinged with red. July 25th. Origin, Bonham, Texas.

Jenkins*—Large, half Indian, cling. Origin, Fannin County, Texas. August.

McGlasson*—Large, oblong, yellow cling; red cheek, sweet. August.

Tarver*—Large yellow cling; round, sweet, juicy. August.

Kennedy*—Very large, round, yellow cling; sweet. August.

The above three are similar, and the best of yellow clings.

Indian Cling*—Medium, sweet, good, eating, preserves and pickles.

Indian Free*—Medium, good, juicy. Above five sorts origin Bonham.

Notice—Excelsior, Belle of Georgia, Hoy, Dorothy, Jenkins, McGlasson, Tarver, Kennedy and Indian peach trees in the two smaller grades only at following prices. Fall of 1921 only. All grades next season.

	Each	Doz
2 to 3 feet.....	\$.50	\$5.00
3 to 4 feet.....	.60	6.00

CHERRIES.

Not very reliable in our section, except the Compass. We grow only a few varieties, which will give fair satisfaction—the best for our section.

✓ **Early Richmond**—Deep red, medium, early.

✓ **English Morello**—Large, black, hardy, midsummer.

Compass—Has the flavor of both cherry and plum. It is a wonder. Bears very young, immense loads of delicious fruit. Often bends to the ground at 2 years old. Eating and preserving.

PLUMS.

Succeed anywhere that peaches do. Unlike peaches, some plums are excellent in one location, and worthless in another. We have tested perhaps 100 varieties, and offer for sale only about a dozen. Here is the list; you are safe if you stay with it, viz:

✓ **Abundance**—Large, round, greenish yellow skin, red cheek, very sweet and juicy. Eating.

✓ **Burbank**—Large, round, dark red, sweet, meaty.

Yellow Japan—Large, dull yellow, meaty, sweet. Canning.

✓ **Gonzales**—Very large, bright red, showy, prolific. Jellies.

Climax*—This may not be the true Climax, but it is a wonder. Very large, red, prolific, juicy. Jellies. June.

Shiro*—Large, clear yellow, sweet, prolific. Eating and canning.

America*—Large, yellow, turning brownish red when fully ripe, bears young, and heavy loads. Canning, preserving and jellies.

Golden*—Large, brownish yellow, sweet, juicy; bears full. July.

Bonner*—The largest, sweetest and juiciest plum ripening August 1st, and continuing 2 or 3 weeks; heavy bearer; pale red.

Muncy*—Medium, oblong, bright red, late bloomer, regular and heavy bearer. None better for preserving. August.

APRICOTS.

Early Golden—Small, pale orange, flesh yellow; delicious, prolific.

Moorpark—Large, orange, red cheek, firm, juicy.

Russian—Medium, yellow, red cheek, sure.

FIGS.

In this latitude they sometimes winter-kill to the ground. We have varieties that spring up rapidly, and mature good crops same season.

Brown Turkey—Small, dark, sweet, prolific.

Magnolia—Medium, yellowish brown, rich, abundant.

GRAFTED PECANS.

We grow several of the leading varieties, such as Stewart, Success, Delmas, Moneymaker, Van Deman, etc., and it will pay any land owner to plant a few of these delicious nut trees.

PERSIMMONS.

Japan Persimmons—Large, delicious, bear young. \$1.00 each.

GRAPES.

Will succeed on almost any well drained soil—better on sand. We offer chiefly old, well-tested varieties, with a few newer ones that have proven very successful:

Moore's Early—Large, black, early; market.

Ives—Medium, black, sweet; prolific.

Concord—Large, black, sweet, good. The standard for grapes.

Worden—Medium, black, juicy, sweet, sure.

Delaware—Small, pink, very sweet and juicy.

Catawba—Large, dark red, vigorous. Table and wine.

Diamond—Large, yellowish white, juicy, rich and good.

Niagara—Large, greenish white, very good. Table

R. W. Munson*—Large, black, sweet, vigorous, abundant. Ripens 2 weeks after Concord.

Valhallah*—Large, dark red, sweet, tender. Ripens about 4 weeks after Concord, and hangs on in good condition 10 days.

Everbearing*—Suitable only for deep, sandy soils. Very vigorous grower; medium, black, good; ripens July till frost.

MULBERRY.

Hick's Everbearing Mulberry—Ripens for three months. Large, black.

BLACKBERRIES AND DEWBERRIES.

Dallas—Large, early, round, prolific; succeeds everywhere.

Robinson—Midseason, large, prolific. Best on sandy land.

McDonald—A blackberry-Dewberry cross. Very early and productive, vigorous. Plant with or near other sorts.

Austin-Mayes—The very best Dewberry for this section. Early, large.

RASPBERRIES.

We can supply the leading Red and Black varieties, and also the Evans Raspberry. This is by far the strongest grower, and the best bearer we have ever seen, and the quality is superb. Black. A small supply at \$2.50 for 25 plants. Introduced by us.

STRAWBERRIES.

We do not grow these plants, since our nursery land is not suited to them, but we buy from best growers, and sell, among others, the following varieties:

Lady Thompson, **Lady Corneille** and **Klondyke**; also Everbearing. Be glad to get you any sort you want.

FLOWERING SHRUBS.

We are turning our attention more and more to

the growing of Ornamentals—any hardy tree, plant or shrub that will make the home more pleasant and attractive. From the following list you may have blooms from March 1st till frost—all summer long.

Forsythia—Yellow flowers, very early—before the leaves.

Japan Quince—Usually bright red flowers, very early in Spring.

Bush Honeysuckle—Pink flowers, very early in Spring.

Lilacs—Old fashioned purple. A clump for every home.

Spirea—Covered with small white flowers early in Spring.

Deutzia—White, double, small flowers in Spring.

Snowball—White snowballs of flowers in April.

Flowering Peach Double, red and white, very showy.

Philadelphus Coronarius—Mock Orange; “Sweet Syringa.” White; very fragrant.

Philadelphus Grandiflora—White; very large flowers.

Salvia Greggii—Two sorts, white and red; blooms from very early Spring till frost. Shrub from Southwest Texas.

Weigelia Rosea—Flowers rich pink.

Althea—Vigorous growth; blooms late summer and fall; when flowers are scarce; trees of roses. Purple, pink and white sorts.

Malvaviscus—Thrives in sun or shade; bright red flowers all summer.

Crape Myrtle—Four distinct colors; purple, red, pink and white; free bloomers; beautiful, hardy, White 25 cents higher than other sorts.

Butterfly Bush—Blooms nearly all summer; flowers similar to Lilac. 75 cents.

Flowering Willow—Tall shrub; blooms through summer; trumpet shaped flowers. 75 cents each.

CLIMBERS.

Honeysuckles 25c each; Blue Wisteria, Virginia Creeper, Boston Ivy, Clematis Paniculata Grandiflora; Queen's Crown, 3 year 75c.

ORNAMENTAL HEDGING.

Euonymus Japonica—Evergreen, glossy foliage,

attractive. 12 to 18 inches \$5.00 per dozen; 18 to 24 inch \$7.50 per dozen.

Privet, Amoor River—A very ornamental plant, almost evergreen, rapid growth, very dense; may be sheared to any shape or height.

Privet, California—A rapid growing, vigorous plant, holding foliage into winter; used for compact hedges.

Cotoneaster Acutifolia—New, very hardy and vigorous. Perhaps the very best ornamental hedge plant; glossy green leaves, turn red with frost; black berries. Beautiful as specimens. A few at \$5.00 dozen.

Box Tree—Perfect evergreen; slow growth; long lived; hardy. 8 to 12 inch \$5.00 per dozen; 12 to 18 inch \$7.50 per dozen.

EVERGREENS.

Arborvitae, Dwarf Golden—Most beautiful, hardest Golden.

Arborvitae, Green—Beautiful, compact green.

Abelia Grandiflora—Leaves small, glossy, dark green; flowers small, white, pink tinted. Blooms freely June till frost. 12 inch 75c; 18 inch \$1.00.

Euonymus Japonica—Specimens, 12 inch 75c; 18 inch \$1.00.

Amoor Privet—Specimens, 2 to 3 feet 50c; 3 to 4 feet 75c.

Magnolia Grandiflora—Upright, large, dark evergreen leaves; immense, white, fragrant flowers. 18 to 24 inch \$1.00; 2 to 3 feet \$1.50 and up.

MISCELLANY.

Cannas—Large flowering; yellow, red and pink sorts. \$2.00 per dozen.

Violets—Sweet scented. \$1 per doz.; \$5 per 100.

ROSES.

A few rose bushes or a rose garden, will add much to the attractiveness of any home. Their influence is both refining and elevating, and our children are entitled to the best of such influences that we are able to give them. Don't teach them by your example that the Dollar is the only thing worth while.

We have fully tested nearly 100 sorts, and we be-

lieve the following to be as good as can be found for out-door culture:

Pink List:

Antoine Rivoire—Creamy white, tinged with salmon pink. Double.

Caroline Testout—Bright satiny pink; splendid buds; semi-double.

J. L. Mock—Clear; imperial pink; largest size; fragrant.

La France—Bright, silvery pink. An old time favorite.

Maman Cochet—Light pink; large, long buds; large and full.

Mrs. George Shawyer—Bright peach-pink; strong grower; excellent.

Paul Neyron—Immense; deep rose; vigorous; long stems; few thorns.

President Taft—Shining, deep pink; pointed buds, semi-double.

Radiance*—Brilliant rosy-carmine, showing opaline-pink tints in the open flower. One of the best.

White List:

The Bride—White, tinged with pink, free bloomer

Kaiserin—Ivory white, long, pointed buds; one of the best.

White American Beauty*—Paper white; magnificent; shy bloomer.

White Cochet—White; pink tinted; long, pointed buds.

Red List:

American Beauty*—The “Queen of Roses.” Very double; lasting.

Edith Cavell*—Bright crimson; white eye; new, beautiful. Baby rose.

Etoile de France—Dark crimson; upright; good buds; double.

Francis Scott Key*—New; large, double.

Helen Gould—Light red; long bud; large; double; free bloomer.

Meteor—Dark, velvety crimson; free bloomer; very hardy.

Red Radiance*—Glowing crimson; splendid buds; excellent.

Yellow List:

Etoile de Lyon—Creamy yellow; very double; round buds.

Sunburst*—The very best; golden copper, or golden orange and golden yellow; edge or petals lighter; pointed buds.

Tipperary* New; soft golden yellow; nice in bud and half blown; free flowering.

Climbing List:

Climbing Testout*—Bright pink; free bloomer; large.

Climbing Kaiserin*—Best white; free bloomer.

Climbing Etoile de France*—Dark red, free.

Gainsboro*—New; enormous blooms; elegantly tinged fawn; almost white; satiny.

Marechal Neil*—Vigorous; old time yellow; fragrant.

Dorothy Perkins—Very vigorous grower; free bloomer; pink, annual.

Our list changes from year to year as our testing continues; we are always hunting for something better in every department.

SHADE TREES.

Catalpa—Very large, fan-like leaves; dense shade.

Soft Maple—Smooth, stately tree; beautiful foliage; quick growth.

American Elm—Broad leaves; long lived; the noblest tree of all.

Umbrella China—Rapid growth; densest shade; symmetrical; beautiful.

Mulberry—Quick shade; hardy; back yard or chicken yard.

Pecan—Medium vigorous; long lived; beautiful shade; nuts.

Sycamore—Lofty; rapid; succeeds well almost anywhere.

English Elm—Very upright; vigorous; shapely; lawns, walks, avenues.

Carolina Poplar—Upright, vigorous growth; tall and stately.

Hackberry—Medium rapid; graceful; hardy; long lived.

Should you wish any hardy tree or plant not listed herein, ask us about it; we may have it. This is a very abridged catalog, but contains our very best judgment, as it is today. If you are an old customer, we are glad to meet you again, and we hope to do a lot more business with you. If you have never dealt with us, give us a trial order, and we will treat you so well, you will be one of our life customers. We commend this little book to you as being fully reliable as far as it goes, in the small space occupied. For further and more definite information, ask us—We'll be glad to tell you.

Respectfully,

B. L. ADAMS & SON,
Bonham, Texas.

Grounds 3-4 mile North of Court House.

PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES.

When you have received your trees, plants, etc., be sure the roots are moist. If they seem to be dry, wet them thoroughly at once.

Plant in well prepared soil as quick as you can, pressing the dirt firmly about the roots, with the tree leaning a little to the southwest, using damp soil in the planting. If soil is dry, add a bucket of water after covering the roots with the dry surface soil. After water is thoroughly soaked in, fill the hole full of earth, and firm it well in a slight mound about the tree.

If you cannot plant immediately upon receipt of trees, then open the bunch and bury the roots deep in ground, watering thoroughly. Don't expose the roots to sun or dry wind in planting.

When the trees are all planted in orchard, take a sharp knife, and cut back the trees leaving them 2 to 2 1-2 feet high, cutting off all broken or bruised limbs.

Go over the orchard two or three times the first summer and remove all sprouts from body of trees.

Every tree should be sprayed thoroughly each winter with lime-sulphur solution, which may be had from large drug stores.

A handy knapsack spray-pump will cost \$7.00 or \$8.00 for use in small orchards. Large orchards demand large pumps.

There is a remedy for almost every tree, plant or fruit disease. If yours are affected, we will be glad to advise you. Yours truly,

B. L. ADAMS & SON,

REVISED PRICES.

Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums and Apricots

	each	dozen	100
2 to 3 feet.....	\$.40	\$ 4.00	\$30.00
3 to 4 feet.....	.50	5.00	40.00
4 to 5 feet.....	.75	8.00	
5 to 7 feet.....	1.00	10.00	

Specials, marked (*)

2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3 to 4 feet.....	.60	6.00
4 to 5 feet.....	.85	9.00
5 to 7 feet.....	1.10	11.00

Note the very low price on
the two smaller grades.

Cherries, 2 to 3 feet.....	.75	8.00
3 to 4 feet.....	1.00	10.00
4 to 5 feet.....	1.25	

Figs, small50	5.00
large75	7.50

Grapes, standard sorts, 1 yr.....	.35	3.50	30.00
2 yr....	.50	5.00	
Starred sorts, any size.....	.50	5.00	

Mulberries, 3 to 5 feet.....	.50		
5 to 7 feet.....	1.00		
	25	100	1000

Blackberries and Dewberries.....	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$25.00
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Raspberries	1.50	5.00	
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Strawberries50	1.50	10.00
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Everbearing at double prices.

	each	dozen	100
Blooming Shrubs, ordinary size	.50	5.00	
Large size75	7.50	

Vines, except as noted.....	.50	5.00	
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Privet, Amoor River, Hedging

12 to 18 inch.....	1.50	
18 to 24 inch.....	2.00	
2 to 3 feet.....	2.50	

California, Hedging

12 to 18 inch.....	1.00	8.00
18 to 24 inch.....	1.25	10.00
2 to 3 feet.....	1.50	12.00

Arborvitae, 12 to 18 inch.....	1.00	
18 to 24 inch.....	1.50	

Roses, Strong 2 year.....	.75	7.50
Medium 2 year.....	.50	5.00
Small 2 year.....	.40	4.00

Starred sorts, 25c each higher

SHADE TREES.

Catalpa, 6 to 8 ft. \$1.00; 8 to 10 ft. \$1.50.

Soft Maple, 4 to 6 75c; 6 to 8 \$1.00; 8 to 10 \$1.25.

American Elm, 6 to 8; 8 to 10; 10 to 12 ft. \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Umbrella China, 3 to 4; 4 to 5; 8 to 10 ft., 50c, 75c and \$2.00.

Mulberry, 3 to 5; 5 to 7 ft., 50c and \$1.00.

Seedling Pecan, 3 to 4; 4 to 6; 6 to 8 ft., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Sycamore, 6 to 8, \$1.00; 8 to 10, \$1.25.

English Elm, 3 to 4, 75c; 4 to 6, \$1.00.

Carolina Poplar, 3 to 4; 4 to 6; 6 to 8, 50c, 75c, \$1.

Hackberry, 4 to 6; 6 to 8; 8 to 10, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.

Larger sizes priced on application.

